

Broadview/Bitter Lake/Haller Lake Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

February 9, 2011 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

Bitter lake Community Center

Attendees:

NAC Members:

Dan Stern, Edmond Ryan, Fran Clifton, Gloria Butts, Greg Brotherton, Jeff Vander Giessen, Joseph Monda, Josh Freedman, Richard Dyksterhuis, Rick Barrett, Susan Eastman Jensen, and Wayne Parks

Public Members:

Pat McCoy, and Art Pederson

City Staff:

Nora Liu (DPD), Pamela Banks (DON), David Goldberg (DPD), and Sebhat Tenna (DON)

January Meeting Summary:

January 12, 2011 meeting summary note was approved unanimously with no edits

Community Report Out — Walking Tour (by Wayne Parks and all):

- Was very informative. The group saw the Four Freedoms and other housings, P-Patch site, and Aurora Blvd.
- Aurora impacts quality of life in a huge way.
- Saw uncontrolled storm water runoff, lack of curb cuts on Aurora.
- At Linden, group was surprised at immediacy of city's plans regarding curbs and parking; due to happen this year. This creates a framework for looking at elements we want to see in the plan.
- Wondering if another grocery store would be allowed in the old Bally Fitness building when there is a grocery store already in the shopping center.
- Was surprised to see short depth of some undeveloped properties. Physical realities may curtail some of the things we had wanted to see happen.
- Several of NAC members felt that the boundaries of the Hub Urban Village (HUV) were too large, and discussed perhaps revising the boundaries to take out the cemeteries. May also look at variety of neighborhood centers such as designating the section along Linden between 130th and 145th.
- There were areas where walkers did not feel safe, e.g., walking with the traffic along 143rd from Linden Avenue and crossing Aurora where there was no curb cuts.
- There was discussion to: (a) do another walking tour of areas south of 130th, and (b) do a tour of other parts of the neighborhood by car/van in the future.

Jeff and Josh volunteered to create a web version document and post online where others could add comments.

Introductory Video to March 12th BBLHL NPU Workshop:

- The group viewed the video created by Greg Brotherton.
- The video can be posted on-line and linked from blogs. Greg will also post on YouTube and Vimeo.

Agreed to use video at the February 12 Neighbor Appreciation Day NAC table and the March 12 Community Forum.

Brief Follow up on Urban Hamlets (by Sue Jensen):

- More information is needed from the city before NAC can continue to have this conversation.
- NAC is requested to send suggestions for small hamlet areas, not large commercial sites, to Nora.

Sue will put together some visuals to help the group understand the concept better; and a NAC member offered to bring a zoning map to a future meeting.

Absences

- Two NAC members, Deborah Phare and Darryl Bennett, have missed several meetings. NAC members need to make decisions as missing three meetings is the benchmark to remove members.

NAC members are asked to forward names of potential new members to Sebhat. Application is available online.

March 12 Workshop:

Outreach

- Mailer will be going out to about 18,000 people.
- NAC members assist on getting the word out and sending information out to e-mail lists, friends, neighbors.
- Newsletters are also a good place to put information.
- Neighborhood District Coordinators will provide assistance with outreach by going door-to-door.
- NAC members felt the estimate of 150 people attending the meeting was too low.
- A form was distributed for NAC members to complete with information on what groups they are able to contact; including volunteer to staff NAC table at Neighbor Appreciation Day on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011; and to staff tables at Albertson grocery store to provide information on workshop (POLs will join them if NAC shows interest).
- NAC member requested that workshop fliers be distributed to businesses.
 - City can also develop a questionnaire for business people.
 - Effort should made to connect with Aurora Business Association.
- NAC member has been working with area schools to get out the word on Neighbor Appreciation Day event.

Agenda Structure

- Two hours will be conversation with community.
- Maps will be utilized to get information on how the community moves around in the community.
- Last section will be polling on a set of questions.
- NAC members wanted the meeting to have a friendly, welcoming atmosphere.

Meeting Content

- What needs to be conveyed at the workshop is information on what a neighborhood plan update is and the community's role in identifying priorities.
- NAC member expressed that they don't want to give people preconceived ideas. Need a good way to explain to community what will be done with their input and how the city will put the input into action.
- It should explain that community input is required in the plan update process.
- NAC member stated that pictures of children in PowerPoint makes it look like it's education related.
- The term "Hub Urban Village" is not familiar to many.
 - Could possibly pit interests of homeowners against renters.
 - Might give vision of other areas in Seattle that could be emulated.
 - Might allow community members to speak early on giving reason for attending.
 - Need to broaden input to vision/larger needs of community, not just drainage in front of my house, sidewalks, etc.
 - NAC member pointed out that a large part of the planning area is not going to change; cemetery, wetlands, etc.
 - Large part of focus area that can be changed is around Aurora Ave.
 - City may need to revise questions. Need historical perspective on plan, but need to shorten it.
 - Need to identify what is missing in the hub urban village.
 - Focus is too narrow; it may be that the area needs many different areas, not just one hub urban village.
 - First plan wanted arterials completed. This is still not done.
- NAC members agreed that it's important to come together with a strong voice to city if we want to get things done.

NAC members nominated people to speak at the workshop: Greg, Wayne and Josh will help with presentation piece; and Richard volunteered to give historical perspective.

Agenda Setting

- NAC will have more input on agenda setting after March workshop. City staff will prepare/provide skeletal agenda in advance of each monthly meeting.

NAC members approved Councilmember O'Brien's request to attend a NAC meeting.

Public Comment:

- Pat McCoy provided a brief update on the Neighbor Appreciation Day event on Feb. 12th, 2011
 - Eighteen tables will be set up.
 - Mayor will staff table from 11:30 to 12:30.
 - DON, Parks, the NAC, Broadview Community Council and other groups will attend.

- Art Pederson reminded the City and NAC to outreach to business owners of large /chain businesses who would be more inclined to participate than local store managers.

Closing:

- Up to two NAC members are requested to serve on panel of stakeholders who can provide knowledge of the area to the **Urban Land Institute** who is interested in studying a site at 130th and Linden/Aurora re: bus transit and development.
 - Study is funded by the City, Metro and Shoreline.
 - Final presentation will come out in June.

Nora will provide a link to the Institute's web site and keep the group informed on progress.